

# **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



## **2006 CRIMINAL JUSTICE/LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM PREVALENCE OF DRUGS SURVEY**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report describes findings of the 2006 Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS), Criminal Justice / Law Enforcement Program's Prevalence of Drugs Survey. In conducting this survey, a random sample of 2,075 Missouri citizens were surveyed about their opinions regarding illicit drugs in Missouri. These citizens were asked about degrees of risks associated with the use of marijuana, cocaine or crack, methamphetamine, heroin, and ecstasy. Their knowledge of illicit drug use by their friends, relatives, and acquaintances also were solicited to identify the prevalence of drug use in Missouri. In addition, their opinions were asked of a Missouri law recently passed to restrict the sale of over-the-counter medicines containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.

Data from this survey also will be used to assist DPS in evaluating other criminal justice grant programs and establish policies to better serve the needs of Missouri's citizens.

## METHODOLOGY

This study was conducted by DPS Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Program staff with assistance from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), Statistical Analysis Center (SAC). This is the second such mail survey to be conducted by DPS Criminal Justice / Law Enforcement Program (CJ/LE).

To ensure the survey findings are representative of Missouri's adult population 2,075 Missouri citizens were randomly selected from a database developed and maintained by USA Data. Questionnaires were forwarded to respondents in late September 2006 along with a transmittal letter from the DPS Director and postage paid return envelopes. For reference purposes, the questionnaire and transmittal letter are provided in Appendix A.

Survey responses were collected through October 2006. Once the surveys were returned to the MSHP, responses were encoded in a computer file. Those questionnaires having additional comments were reviewed by the SAC. Quality control procedures were performed to ensure accuracy and validity of the data following their entry into the computer file.

A total of 511 completed questionnaires had been returned to the SAC by October 2006. A total of 98 surveys could not be delivered and an additional 5 questionnaires were returned but not completed. After factoring out non-deliverable and nonresponsive questionnaires, a response rate for this mail survey was computed to be 25.8%.

A sample of 511 persons has a confidence interval within 4.3% at the 95% confidence level. This enables one to say with confidence that 95 out of 100 times, the average distribution of responses for any given item in the survey will be within 4.3% of the average distribution of responses for the entire population of Missouri if they were asked the same questions. The formula used to calculate the confidence interval is:  $(1.96) * \text{SQRT}((50*50)/511) = +/-4.3\%$

The remainder of the report is divided into three sections. The first, entitled "Discussion of Findings", describes the study's more important results. The second section, "Findings", lists response statistics for each question asked. The last section contains the appendices.

## DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

A total of 511 persons responded to the 2006 DPS CJ/LE Public Opinion survey. Their responses were analyzed and the more important findings are discussed below.

### **Respondent Characteristics**

Of the total respondents, 66.0% were male and 34.0% female. The average respondent age was 55.8 years. A total of 65.6% of the respondents resided in Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) counties and 34.4% in non-SMSA counties in the State. Of the respondents, 91.2% were white, 3.2% were African American, and 4.6% were either Asian, Hispanic, Native American, or other.

### **Perceived Risks Of Illicit Drugs**

Respondents were asked several questions about perceived risks of using various illicit drugs. They were asked to rate the physical and other risks associated with various amounts of usage as none, slight, moderate, or great for five illicit drug. The following is a discussion of the respondent's assessment of risk for each type based on the relative seriousness noted.

#### ***Heroin***

Of those responding to the survey, 75.7% felt heroin users were at great risk for harm even if heroin was tried only once or twice. Occasional use was considered by 91.4% of the respondents to be a great risk to users. And 98.8% of the respondents perceived a great risk for harm to regular heroin users.

#### ***Crack / Cocaine***

When answering the same set of questions related to use of cocaine / crack, the percentages were about the same. Of the respondents, 64.1% the use of cocaine / crack only once or twice presented users with a great risk. Occasional use of cocaine / crack was felt to be a great risk by 84.0% of the respondents. Nearly all respondents (98.2%) indicated regular use of cocaine / crack, presented users with great physical risk.

#### ***Methamphetamine***

It seems people feel much the same way about risks associated with use of methamphetamine. Of those responding, 74.1% felt people who try methamphetamine once or twice are at great risk for harm. If methamphetamine is used occasionally, 89.0% felt users were at great risk. For those people who use methamphetamine regularly, 99.0% felt they were at great risk.

#### ***Marijuana***

Of the five illicit drugs in the survey, marijuana was perceived by respondents to have the least amount of risk associated with its use. Of those responding, 24.3 % felt marijuana use once or twice presented a great risk to users. Occasional use of marijuana was perceived to be a great risk by 36.0% of the respondents. Yet regular marijuana use was perceived by 74.7% of the respondents to present a great physical risk to users.

#### ***Ecstasy***

Ecstasy is considered a teen scene drug and of those responding, 66.5% felt users were at great risk, even if ecstasy was tried only once or twice. Even occasional use was considered by 81.2% of the respondents to present a great risk. Regular use was considered to be a great risk by 95.8% of the respondents.

### **Prevalence Of Drug Use**

Four questions concerning the respondent's knowledge of drug use by friends and family were posed. Of all respondents, 25.7% have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently uses illegal drugs on a regular basis. When asked if they knew someone who currently abuses a legal prescription drug on a regular basis, 11.5% of all respondents indicated they did. A small percentage (4.4%) of all respondents knew someone who currently sells an illegal drug on a regular basis.

Marijuana was the most commonly illicit drugs used by respondents' friends, relatives, or acquaintance. Of those who knew someone who used or sold drugs, 53.5% knew a person who used marijuana only. Although much less prevalent than marijuana use, cocaine and crack use is alarming. Of the respondents who know of someone that use or sell illicit drugs, 10.4% know someone who uses cocaine regularly and 7.5% know someone who regularly uses crack. Prevalence of methamphetamine is slightly higher than cocaine. Of the respondents who know of someone who uses or sells illicit drugs, 15.7% said they know someone who regularly uses methamphetamine.

### **Legalization**

Of all survey respondents, 61.1% believe the sale of all illegal drugs should remain illegal. However, 34.1% of all respondents believe marijuana should be legally sold for medicinal purposes. One third (35.8%) of the survey respondents agreed that legalized medicinal marijuana would increase the use of other illicit drugs.

### **Drug Prevention and Sentencing**

Survey respondents were asked about funding current methods to combat drug use, including treatment, arrest / prosecution, and community involvement. Of all respondents, over one half (57.8%) perceived the arrest and prosecution of illegal drug suppliers and manufactures should receive the most funds in the war against drugs. Another 13.5% of the respondents perceived drug abuse and prevention should receive the most funds to combat illicit drug use.

Several potential sentences were presented to the survey respondents to obtain their opinions on most appropriate means to punish those convicted of using or selling illicit drugs. Of the respondents, over one half (53.7%) believe first time offenders should be sentenced to drug courts while 68.1% believe habitual drug users should be sentenced to prison for more than one year. Of the respondents, 58.2% believe first time offenders of selling drugs should be sentenced to more than one year in prison, and 87.5% believe habitual drug sellers should be sentenced to more than one year in prison.

## FINDINGS

### DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS

A description of the survey respondents' characteristics is presented in this section.

#### ***What is your sex?***

	Percent	Frequency
Male .....	<b>66.0%</b>	334
Female .....	<b>34.0%</b>	172
No response .....	--	5
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

#### ***What is your age?***

	Percent	Frequency
20 to 25 Yrs .....	<b>3.0%</b>	15
26 to 39Yrs .....	<b>15.6%</b>	78
40 to 54 Yrs .....	<b>26.2%</b>	131
55 to 69 Yrs .....	<b>35.6%</b>	178
70Yrs and Over .....	<b>18.7%</b>	98
No response .....	--	11
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

Median Age ..... **55.8 Yrs**

#### ***In what Missouri county do you reside?***

	Percent	Frequency
SMSA counties <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>65.6%</b>	301
Non-SMSA counties <sup>2</sup> .....	<b>34.4%</b>	157
No response .....	--	53
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

<sup>1</sup> A Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) is a metropolitan area having a large population nucleus and the adjacent communities and counties that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus.

<sup>2</sup> Non-SMSA counties include all Missouri counties not listed as SMSA counties.

#### ***What is your race?***

	Percent	Frequency
African American .....	<b>4.7%</b>	16
White .....	<b>91.8%</b>	458
Hispanic .....	<b>1.0%</b>	5
Asian .....	<b>0.8%</b>	2
Native American Indian .....	<b>0.3%</b>	9
Other .....	<b>1.3%</b>	12
No response .....	--	9
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

## ILLCIT DRUG USE PERCEIVED RISK

This section presents the respondents' answers to a series of questions concerning physical and other risks taken by persons who use various illicit drugs.

### **MARIJAUANA**

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they try marijuana once or twice?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>20.9%</b>	104
Slight Risk .....	<b>35.3%</b>	176
Moderate Risk .....	<b>19.5%</b>	97
Great Risk .....	<b>24.3%</b>	121
No Response .....	---	13
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they smoke marijuana occasionally?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>6.7%</b>	33
Slight Risk .....	<b>17.4%</b>	86
Moderate Risk .....	<b>39.9%</b>	197
Great Risk .....	<b>36.0%</b>	178
No Response .....	---	17
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they smoke marijuana regularly?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>2.0%</b>	10
Slight Risk .....	<b>6.4%</b>	32
Moderate Risk .....	<b>16.8%</b>	84
Great Risk .....	<b>74.7%</b>	373
No Response .....	---	12
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

**COCAINE / CRACK**

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they try cocaine / crack once or twice?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>1.8%</b>	9
Slight Risk .....	<b>12.0%</b>	61
Moderate Risk .....	<b>22.1%</b>	112
Great Risk .....	<b>64.1%</b>	325
No Response .....	---	4
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they use cocaine / crack occasionally?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>0.8%</b>	4
Slight Risk .....	<b>0.6%</b>	3
Moderate Risk .....	<b>14.6%</b>	73
Great Risk .....	<b>84.0%</b>	420
No Response .....	---	11
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they use cocaine / crack regularly?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>0.6%</b>	3
Slight Risk .....	<b>0.2%</b>	1
Moderate Risk .....	<b>1.0%</b>	5
Great Risk .....	<b>98.2%</b>	493
No Response .....	---	9
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511



**METHAMPHETAMINE**

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they try methamphetamine once or twice?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>1.6%</b>	8
Slight Risk .....	<b>7.9%</b>	40
Moderate Risk .....	<b>16.4%</b>	83
Great Risk .....	<b>74.1%</b>	375
No Response .....	---	5
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they use methamphetamine occasionally?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>0.4%</b>	2
Slight Risk .....	<b>.6%</b>	3
Moderate Risk .....	<b>10.0%</b>	50
Great Risk .....	<b>89.0%</b>	445
No Response .....	---	11
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they use methamphetamine regularly?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>0.4%</b>	2
Slight Risk .....	<b>0.2%</b>	1
Moderate Risk .....	<b>0.4%</b>	2
Great Risk .....	<b>99.0%</b>	497
No Response .....	---	9
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

**HEROIN**

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they try heroin once or twice?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>0.6%</b>	3
Slight Risk .....	<b>6.3%</b>	32
Moderate Risk .....	<b>17.4%</b>	88
Great Risk .....	<b>75.7%</b>	383
No Response .....	---	5
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they use heroin occasionally?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>0.6%</b>	3
Slight Risk .....	<b>0.6%</b>	3
Moderate Risk .....	<b>7.4%</b>	37
Great Risk .....	<b>91.4%</b>	456
No Response .....	---	12
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they use heroin regularly?***

	Percent	Frequency
No Risk .....	<b>0.6%</b>	3
Slight Risk .....	<b>0.2%</b>	1
Moderate Risk .....	<b>0.4%</b>	2
Great Risk .....	<b>98.8%</b>	494
No Response .....	---	11
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

## DRUG ABUSE ISSUES

This section presents the respondents' answers to a series of questions concerning groups that could help in the fight against drugs as well as ways of handling drug users and combatting drug abuse.

**Listed are sentences used to punish persons found guilty of using illegal drugs. Select the most appropriate sentence for first time offenders and habitual offenders.**

	<b>First Time Offender</b>		<b>Habitual Offenders</b>	
	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency
They should serve jail time for less than 1 year .....	16.0%	69	15.4%	67
They should serve prison time for more than 1 year .....	13.3%	57	68.1%	297
They should complete a drug court program .....	53.7%	231	8.5%	37
They should perform community service .....	9.1%	39	2.5%	11
They should receive probation only .....	3.7%	16	0.7%	3
Other .....	4.2%	18	4.8%	21
No Response .....	---	81	---	75
Total .....	100%	511	100%	511

**Listed are sentences used to punish persons found guilty of selling illegal drugs. Select the most appropriate sentence for first time offenders and habitual offenders.**

	<b>First Time Offender</b>		<b>Habitual Offenders</b>	
	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency
They should serve jail time for less than 1 year .....	25.7%	117	2.9%	13
They should serve prison time for more than 1 year .....	58.2%	265	87.5%	399
They should complete a drug court program .....	8.1%	37	2.4%	11
They should perform community service .....	1.8%	8	0.2%	1
They should receive probation only .....	1.5%	7	0.2%	1
Other .....	4.7%	21	6.8%	31
No Response .....	---	56	---	55
Total .....	100%	511	100%	511

**In 2005, a Missouri law was passed to restrict the sale of over-the-counter medicines containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine because these compounds are commonly used in the illegal production of methamphetamine. Select one of the following that best describes how this new law will affect methamphetamine production in Missouri.**

	Percent	Frequency
Production of methamphetamine will be completely stopped .....	2.8%	14
Production of methamphetamine will be reduced significantly .....	45.1%	224
Production of methamphetamine will stay the same as before .....	48.1%	239
Production of methamphetamine will increase somewhat .....	2.0%	10
Production of methamphetamine will increase substantially .....	2.0%	10
No Response .....	---	14
Total .....	100.0%	511

***Some people say making drugs legal would remove the trade from criminals and reduce health hazards to users. Others argue this would greatly increase the number of drug users and overload our capacity to deal with them. Which of the following statements best fits your beliefs about this issue?***

	Percent	Frequency
The sale of all illiegal drugs should remain illegal .....	61.1%	306
The sale of most drugs should not be made legal except for marijuna for medicinal purposes .....	34.1%	171
The sale of most drugs should be legal, except the two or three most dangerous ones .....	3.0%	15
The sale of all drugs should be legal on the open market .....	1.8%	9
No Response .....	---	10
Total .....	100.0%	511

***There has been some discussion to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes only. How ever, many feel if marijuana were legalized for medicianal use, the use of other illigal drugs would increase substanially. How strongly do you agree or disagree with this argument?***

	Percent	Frequency
Highly agree .....	18.6%	93
Strongly agree .....	17.2%	86
Neutral .....	21.6%	108
Highly disagree .....	14.6%	73
Strongly disagree .....	21.4%	107
No opinion .....	6.6%	34
No response .....	---	10
Total .....	100.0%	511

***There are a number of possible methods of combatting drug abuse. Which of the following do you think should receive the most funding and effort?***

	Percent	Frequency
Drug treatment and rehabilitation .....	8.4%	40
Arrest and prosecution of illegal drug users .....	11.2%	53
Drug abuse education and prevention .....	13.5%	64
Arrest and prosecution of illegal drug suppliers and manufactures .....	57.8%	274
Community drug task forces and public involvement .....	9.1%	43
No Response .....	---	37
Total .....	100.0%	511

## DRUG USE BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

This section presents the respondents' knowledge of drug use by their family and friends.

***Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently uses any illegal drug on a regular basis?***

	Percent	Frequency
Yes .....	<b>25.7%</b>	130
No .....	<b>51.7%</b>	261
Don't Know .....	<b>22.6%</b>	114
No Response .....	<b>---</b>	6
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently sells any illegal drug on a regular basis?***

	Percent	Frequency
Yes .....	<b>4.4%</b>	22
No .....	<b>68.5%</b>	344
Don't Know .....	<b>27.1%</b>	136
No Response .....	<b>---</b>	9
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently abuses any legal prescription drug on a regular basis?***

	Percent	Frequency
Yes .....	<b>26.3%</b>	58
No .....	<b>53.3%</b>	288
Don't Know .....	<b>20.4%</b>	158
No Response .....	<b>---</b>	7
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

***Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently abuses household (cleaning) items for huffing purposes?***

	Percent	Frequency
Yes .....	<b>1.0%</b>	5
No .....	<b>74.8%</b>	377
Don't Know .....	<b>24.2%</b>	122
No Response .....	<b>---</b>	7
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	511

If the respondent answered "Yes" to the above questions about drug use by family and friends, then these questions followed:

***If Yes, do you know if this person or persons, uses or sells marijuana?***

	Percent	Frequency
Uses Only .....	<b>55.3%</b>	84
Uses and Sells .....	<b>13.8%</b>	21
Don't Know .....	<b>30.9%</b>	47
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	152

***If Yes, do you know if this person or persons, uses or sells cocaine?***

	Percent	Frequency
Uses Only .....	<b>10.4%</b>	14
Sells Only .....	<b>1.5%</b>	2
Uses and Sells .....	<b>5.9%</b>	8
Don't Know .....	<b>82.2%</b>	111
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	135

***If Yes, do you know if this person or persons, uses or sells crack?***

	Percent	Frequency
Uses Only .....	<b>7.5%</b>	10
Sells Only .....	<b>0.7%</b>	1
Uses and Sells .....	<b>3.7%</b>	5
Don't Know .....	<b>88.1%</b>	118
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	134

***If Yes, do you know if this person or persons, uses or sells heroin?***

	Percent	Frequency
Uses Only .....	<b>1.5%</b>	2
Uses and Sells .....	<b>2.3%</b>	3
Don't Know .....	<b>96.2%</b>	127
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	132

***If Yes, do you know if this person or persons, uses or sells methamphetamine?***

	Percent	Frequency
Uses Only .....	<b>6.1%</b>	22
Uses and Sells .....	<b>6.7%</b>	9
Don't Know .....	<b>77.9%</b>	109
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	140

***If Yes, do you know if this person or persons, uses or sells ecstasy?***

	Percent	Frequency
Uses Only .....	<b>3.0%</b>	4
Uses and Sells .....	<b>3.0%</b>	4
Don't Know .....	<b>94.0%</b>	124
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	132

***If Yes, do you know if this person or persons, uses or sells other illicit drugs?***

	Percent	Frequency
Uses Only .....	<b>3.0%</b>	4
Uses and Sells .....	<b>6.7%</b>	9
Don't Know .....	<b>90.3%</b>	121
Total .....	<b>100.0%</b>	134

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

This section presents the respondents' concerns about various consequences of the drug problem in America.

***Many people consider the following are serious consequences of the drug problem in America. Using each number only once, rank the consequences in your order of importance with "1" being most important and "5" being least important.***

	Total With Rank Of	Frequency	Total Respondents Ranking Activity As Most Frequent	
	1 or 2		1st	2nd
Deterioration of family structure due to family members' drug use .....	72.1%	319	43.4%	28.7%
Increasing crimes committed by drug users to support their habit .....	72.0%	319	34.5%	37.5%
Cost of incarcerating convicted drug offenders .....	28.5%	126	8.6%	19.9%
Cost of providing drug awareness education in schools .....	16.6%	74	10.1%	6.5%
Damage to the environment due to methamphetamine labs .....	10.8%	48	3.6%	7.2%

**APPENDIX A**  
**2006 Prevalence of Drugs Survey**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE & TRANSMITTAL LETTER**



Thank you for taking time to read and completing this Prevalence of Drugs Survey.

Please follow the three steps below.

1. Read and answer each question.
2. Fold and insert the survey in the postage paid envelope provided.
3. Place in any U.S. Postal Service mail box, **NO POSTAGE NEEDED**.



Your time to complete this survey will impact the way we serve you in the years to come.

1. Many people consider the following are serious consequences of the drug problem in America. Please rank these in your order of importance with "1" being most important and "5" being least important. *(Use each number only once)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of providing drug awareness education in schools
- \_\_\_\_\_ Deterioration of family structure due to family members' drug use
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of incarcerating convicted drug offenders
- \_\_\_\_\_ Increasing crimes committed by drug users to support their habit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Damage to the environment due to methamphetamine labs

2. Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they: *(Circle one for each)*

	NO RISK	SLIGHT RISK	MODERATE RISK	GREAT RISK
A. Use marijuana once or twice .....	1	2	3	4
B. Use marijuana occasionally .....	1	2	3	4
C. Use marijuana regularly .....	1	2	3	4

3. Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they: *(Circle one for each)*

	NO RISK	SLIGHT RISK	MODERATE RISK	GREAT RISK
A. Use cocaine or crack once or twice .....	1	2	3	4
B. Use cocaine or crack occasionally .....	1	2	3	4
C. Use cocaine or crack regularly .....	1	2	3	4

4. Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they: *(Circle one for each)*

	NO RISK	SLIGHT RISK	MODERATE RISK	GREAT RISK
A. Use methamphetamine once or twice .....	1	2	3	4
B. Use methamphetamine occasionally .....	1	2	3	4
C. Use methamphetamine regularly .....	1	2	3	4

5. Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they: *(Circle one for each)*

	NO RISK	SLIGHT RISK	MODERATE RISK	GREAT RISK
A. Use heroin once or twice .....	1	2	3	4
B. Use heroin occasionally .....	1	2	3	4
C. Use heroin regularly .....	1	2	3	4

6. Do you think people are at no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or great risk physically or in other ways, if they: *(Circle one for each)*

	NO RISK	SLIGHT RISK	MODERATE RISK	GREAT RISK
A. Use ecstasy once or twice .....	1	2	3	4
B. Use ecstasy occasionally .....	1	2	3	4
C. Use ecstasy regularly .....	1	2	3	4

7. Listed below are sentences used to punish persons found guilty of using illegal drugs. Please select the most appropriate sentence for first time offenders and habitual offenders.

**A. First Time Offenders**

- 1 ..... Offender should serve jail time for less than 1 year.
- 2 ..... Offender should serve prison time for more than 1 year.
- 3 ..... Offender should complete a drug court program.
- 4 ..... Offender should perform community service.
- 5 ..... Offender should receive probation only.
- 6 ..... Other

**B. Habitual Offenders**

- 1 ..... Offender should serve jail time for less than 1 year.
- 2 ..... Offender should serve prison time for more than 1 year.
- 3 ..... Offender should complete a drug court program.
- 4 ..... Offender should perform community service.
- 5 ..... Offender should receive probation only.
- 6 ..... Other

8. Listed below are sentences used to punish persons found guilty of selling illegal drugs. Please select the most appropriate sentence for each.

**A. First Time Offenders**

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- 4 ..... Offender should perform community service.
- 5 ..... Offender should receive probation only.
- 6 ..... Other

**B. Habitual Offenders**

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- 5 ..... Offender should receive probation only.
- 6 ..... Other

9. In 2005, a Missouri law was passed to restrict the sale of over-the-counter medicines containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine because these compounds are commonly used in the illegal production of methamphetamine. Which of these statements best describes how this new law will affect methamphetamine production in Missouri. (*Circle one*)

- 1 ..... Production of methamphetamine will be completely stopped
- 2 ..... Production of methamphetamine will be reduced significantly
- 3 ..... Production of methamphetamine will stay the same as before
- 4 ..... Production of methamphetamine will increase somewhat
- 5 ..... Production of methamphetamine will increase substantially

10. Some people say making drugs legal would remove the trade from criminals and reduce health hazards to users. Others argue this would greatly increase the number of drug users and overload the State's capacity to deal with them. Which of the following statements best fits your beliefs about this issue? (*Circle one*)

- 1 ..... The sale of all illegal drugs should remain illegal
- 2 ..... The sale of most drugs should not be made legal except for marijuana for medicinal purposes
- 3 ..... The sale of most drugs should be legal, except the two or three most dangerous ones
- 4 ..... The sale of all drugs should be legal on the open market

11. There has been some discussion to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes only. However, many feel if marijuana were legalized for medicinal use, the use of other illegal drugs would increase substantially. How strongly do you agree or disagree with this argument? (*Circle one*)

- 1 ..... Highly agree
- 2 ..... Strongly agree
- 3 ..... Neutral
- 4 ..... Highly disagree
- 5 ..... Strongly disagree
- 6 ..... No Opinion

12. There are a number of possible methods of combatting drug abuse. Which of the following do you think should receive the most funding and effort? (*Circle one*)

- 1 ..... Drug treatment and rehabilitation
- 2 ..... Arrest and prosecution of illegal drug users
- 3 ..... Drug abuse education and prevention
- 4 ..... Arrest and prosecution of illegal drug suppliers and manufactures
- 5 ..... Community drug task forces and public involvement

13. The following questions are about your knowledge of drug use by friends or family. Please be aware your responses are completely confidential and will be seen only by research staff. *(Circle one for each)*

	YES	NO	DONT KNOW
A. Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently uses any illegal drug on a regular basis? .....	1	2	3
B. Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently sells any illegal drug on a regular basis? .....	1	2	3
C. Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently abuses any legal prescription drug on a regular basis? .....	1	2	3
D. Do you have a friend, relative, or acquaintance who currently abuses household (cleaning) items for huffing purposes? .....	1	2	3

14. If you circled 'Yes' in 13A or 13B, do you know if this person or persons: *(Circle one for each)*

	USES ONLY	SELLS ONLY	USES AND SELLS	DONT KNOW
A. Use or sell marijuana .....	1	2	3	4
B. Use or sell cocaine .....	1	2	3	4
C. Use or sell crack .....	1	2	3	4
D. Use or sell heroin .....	1	2	3	4
E. Use or sell methamphetamine .....	1	2	3	4
F. Use or sell ecstasy .....	1	2	3	4
G. Use or sell other illicit drugs .....	1	2	3	4

The next section asks a few demographic questions to determine how representative the respondents are in relation to the total state population.

15. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ 16. In what Missouri county do you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

17. What is your race? *(Circle one)* 18. What is your sex? *(Circle one)*

- 1 ..... African American  
 2 ..... American Indian  
 3 ..... Asian  
 4 ..... Hispanic  
 5 ..... Caucasian  
 6 ..... Other

- 1 ..... Male  
 2 ..... Female

19. Please use this space for any other comments you would like to make.

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**Again, thank you for taking time to complete this survey.**

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**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

August 26, 2006

Mr John J. Doe  
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Dear Mr. Doe:

As Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety, a state agency, I am very interested in citizens' opinions about Missouri's illicit drug problem. Your opinions will aid us in formulating better policies and programs designed to improve public safety and the quality of life for Missouri's citizens.

You are one of a number of Missouri residents being asked to participate in this Prevalence of Drugs Survey. Your name was selected through a random sampling of Missouri residents.

Please complete the enclosed survey and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark S. James".

Mark S. James, Director  
Missouri Department of Public Safety

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